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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA

Fisheries Development and Training
(Supplementary Assistance) (SOM/75/008)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	June 1979
Starting date of project activities:	June 1976 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Fisheries
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$1 809 800
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In 1973, the Somali Government reaffirmed its policy of focusing attention on development of the rural communities, including the small-scale coastal fishing villages by encouraging the formation of fisheries to joint venture enterprises. UNDP assistance to the development of fisheries in Somalia has passed through various phases. The first UNDP-assisted project, which ended in 1974, consisted of six years of resource survey and demonstration work.[1/] As a result of a UNDP/FAO Review Mission

1/ DP/SF/R.4/Add.45.

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to Somalia in 1973, UNDP/FAO assistance in fisheries became reoriented to concentrate on the development of selected small-scale fisheries along the eastern coastline. The present project, SOM/75/008[1/], which became operational in June 1976, is in direct continuation of an earlier project (SOM/73/005). It was designed to support the priority accorded by the Government to the development of the coastal small-scale fisheries operating from villages and towns along the 3.200 kilometer long coastline. With assistance from multilateral as well as bilateral sources, the Government plans to organize the coastal fishing communities into co-operatives and through pilot fisheries development centres increase catches for domestic consumption as well as prepare for gradual expansion into export markets.

2. Following an evaluation of the project activities carried out jointly by UNDP and FAO in conjunction with the Government and the results of an Indian Ocean fishery survey, which recently examined the needs in this sector of the economy, the Government requested additional assistance from UNDP to expand and extend project activities through the next Plan period (1979-1981). During this period, the project will extend the training capacity of the project to five fisheries centres, three of which have already been established with UNDP/FAO assistance. Since project activities will focus on field and in-service training, fellowships to be awarded Somali nationals for academic training overseas will be provided from other sources of assistance. The project will also help to co-ordinate inputs from other sources of assistance in close co-operation with parastatal fisheries organizations dealing with coastal artisanal fisheries.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project remain to: (a) advise and assist the Government on all relevant aspects of small-scale fisheries development associated with pilot fishery development centres and the fisherman's co-operatives; (b) continue a programme of establishing mechanical workshops and train national personnel in workshop practice, and maintenance and repair of small marine engines and vessel hulls; (c) develop, demonstrate and introduce improved fish handling and processing facilities and techniques, and also introduce measures designed to comply with public health and quality standards appropriate to the needs for local consumption and export; (d) assist the Government in the organization,operation and management of the fisheries co-operatives; (e) train fishermen and other local personnel in co-operative activities. The supplementary assistance now approved will strengthen the capabilities of the Ministry of Fisheries and enable the Government to carry out development work, embracing the East and North coast, to ensure concurrent development of all fishery centres.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of one project manager, one master fisherman, one master boat-builder, one mechanic instructor, one fish-processing expert, one refrigeration engineer, one co-operative/extension expert, one plant manager, consultants, six United Nations Volunteers, and support personnel; and subcontracts for servicing of workshops, training and equipment.

1/ DP/PROJECT/1667.

5. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government of Somalia will finance its contribution to the project both in cash and in kind, assign national personnel to serve on the project and provide buildings, equipment and supplies as specified in the project revision document.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Personnel	225 400	1 578 700	1 804 100
Subcontract	-	113 600	113 600
Equipment	131 300	90 000	221 300
Miscellaneous	5 800	27 500	33 300
	362 500	1 809 800	2 172 300

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $3,255,600 of which $336,200 is in kind and $2,919,400 is in cash.

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